

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 724

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Melinda Spivey upon her receipt of the 2018 Tennessee CTE Pioneer Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Spivey is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Spivey was recently awarded the 2018 Tennessee CTE Pioneer Award, which recognizes a Career and Technical Education (CTE) director who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in his or her home county and at the state or national level; and

WHEREAS, the Smith County Schools CTE director, Mrs. Spivey is also the supervisor of instruction for grades 1-12 and the primary testing coordinator; she previously taught Family and Consumer Science at Gordonsville High School and Station Camp High School, and she served as the assistant principal at Station Camp High School and the principal at Forks River Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Spivey received a bachelor's degree in human ecology education, her master's degree in instructional leadership, and an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she initiated and implemented the annual Smith County Schools Career Day for

students in grades 7-12, and she has reached out to various industries to explore ways that teachers can prepare students to be qualified workers in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Spivey is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Spivey is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Rick Spivey, and their children, Madison, Cameron, and Merissa; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Spivey truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Melinda Spivey upon her receipt of the 2018 Tennessee CTE Pioneer Award, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.